

**DEPARTMENT
POLICY****Medicaid (MA) Only**

Individuals in this category are transitioning from foster care to adulthood. Children aging out of foster care on their 18th birthday are eligible for Foster Care Transition Medicaid (FCTMA) from age 18 until their 26th birthday.

Note: These cases must remain open regardless of changes in non-financial eligibility, income or assets.

**NON-FINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

The MA eligibility factors in the following items must be met:

- BEM 220, Residence.
- BEM 221, Identity.
- BEM 223, Social Security Numbers.
- BEM 225, Citizenship/Alien Status.
- BEM 257, Third Party Resource Liability.
- BEM 265, Institutional Status.
- BEM 270, Pursuit of Benefits.

Note: Cases in this category **must** not close if it is discovered that one of these eligibility factors was not met.

Eligibility Criteria

Youth who age out of foster care are eligible for FCTMA if they meet both of the following criteria:

- In a foster care placement under the responsibility of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services or a Tribal Court on the individual's 18th birthday.
- Under 26 years of age.

**Continued
Eligibility**

Eligibility must continue unless one of the following occurs:

- Death.

- Reaches age 26.
- Moves out-of-state.
- Case closure is requested.
- Another MA program is more beneficial.

Individuals may contact 800-343-7320 for change of address, etc., or fax a copy of the change to 517-346-9888.

Note: An ex parte review (see glossary) is required before Medicaid closures when there is an actual or anticipated change, unless the change would result in closure due to ineligibility for all Medicaid. When possible, an ex parte review should begin at least 90 days before the anticipated change is expected to result in case closure. The review includes consideration of all MA categories; see BAM 115 and 220.

Annual Redetermination

Annual redeterminations are conducted through a centralized unit for this group. Contact:

Department of Human Services
PO Box 30037
235 S. Grand Ave., Suite 1406
Lansing, MI 48909

Or

Email: fctma@michigan.gov

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

Groups

An individual eligible under the Foster Care Transition Group category is a fiscal and asset group of one.

Assets

No asset test.

Income Eligibility

No income test.

LEGAL BASE**MA**

Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, HR 3443.